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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hiroki Umeda et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2871  
Application No.: 09/819,800 ) Examiner: JEANNE A. DI GRAZIO  
Filed: March 29, 2001 )  
For: OPTICAL COMPENSATION ) Confirmation No.: 2635  
SHEET AND LIQUID CRYSTAL )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2005, the period for response to which extends through December 8, 2005.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 19 are the sole independent claims.

In the Office Action<sup>1</sup>, the Examiner rejected claims 1-11 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,694,187 to Abileah et al. ("Abileah") in view of U.S. Patent 5,895,106 to VanderPloeg et al. ("VanderPloeg"). The Examiner also rejected claims 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) in view of Abileah,

<sup>1</sup> The Office Action contains characterizations of the claims and the related art with which Applicants do not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicants decline to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.